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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: GK PINS PINT

SUBJ: GRENADA SITREP

REF: BTN 0241

1. MAURICE BISHOP, COORDINATING SECRETARY OF RADICAL NEW JEWEL MOVEMENT (NJM) ARRESTED FEBRUARY 6 FOR ALLEGED ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF AMMUNITION, WAS RELEASED FEBRUARY 8 ON EC DOLS 240 BAIL. IN PRESS CONFERENCE MORNING OF FEBRUARY 8, PM ERIC GAIRY SAID POLICE HAD DISCOVERED PLANS FOR HIS ASSASSINATION IN SUBSEQUENT SEARCH OF BISHOP'S HOME. ACCORDING TO GAIRY, PLANS WERE OF HIS OWN EVENING PALACE NIGHTCLUB WHICH HE REGULARLY FREQUENTS ON SATURDAY EVENINGS. GAIRY SAID POLICE ALSO DISCOVERED LITERATURE ON GUERILLA WARFARE AND PLANS FOR MAKING BOMBS. HE STATED THAT THERE WAS DEFINITE CONNECTION BETWEEN NJM AND COMMUNIST SUBVERSIVES OUTSIDE GRENADA WHO

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WANT TO ASSASSINATE HIM.

2. GAIRY REPORTEDLY HELD "INFORMAL CHATS" WITH LABOR UNION OFFICIALS AND COMPANY EXECUTIVES OVER THE WEEKEND IN EFFORT TO PERSUADE THEM TO RETURN TO WORK. ACCORDING TO PRESS, TECHNICAL AND ALLIED WORKERS' UNION, WHOSE MEMBERS STAFF COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRICITY SERVICES, SCHEDULED TO MEET FEBRUARY 11 TO DECIDE WHETHER TO END THEIR STRIKE. GOG ALSO THOUGHT TO HAVE TALKED WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF SEAMEN AND WATERFRONT WORKERS' UNION WHICH HAS BEEN IN FOREFRONT OF CURRENT PROTEST STRIKE, IN EFFORT TO PERSUADE THEM TO REOPEN PORT AND LIFT BOYCOTT IMPOSED AT SWWU'S REQUEST ON SHIPPING FROM BARBADOS AND TRINIDAD. CABINET SCHEDULED TO MEET FEBRUARY 11 TO REVIEW RESPONSE BY BUSINESS AND LABOR TO ITS CALL FOR RETURN TO NORMALCY.

3. MEANWHILE, ONE POLICE AIDE REPORTEDLY KILLED AND AN NJM SYMPATHIZER WOUNDED OVER THE WEEKEND. DETAILS NOT YET KNOWN.  
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